

Week Ending: November 24, 1996

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 3.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending November 24, 1996. The main farming activities for the week were harvesting soybeans. Cotton farmers are scrapping remaining cotton fields. Cattle producers are beginning to graze their herds on winter pastures, and feed hay and other feed supplements. Soil moisture is 5 percent short, 53 percent adequate and 42 percent surplus.

| Progress in Percentages | | | | | | Conditions in Percentages | | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------|----------|---------------------------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Item | Event | This Week | Last Week | 1995 | 5-Yr Avg | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
| Cotton | Harvested | 99 | 98 | 100 | 98 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Soybeans | Harvested | 97 | 94 | 99 | 92 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Wheat | Planted | 97 | 94 | 97 | 88 | --- | --- | 34 | 64 | 2 |
| | Emerged | 93 | 87 | 84 | 78 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Pecans | Harvested | 58 | 40 | 66 | 59 | 4 | 9 | 37 | 46 | 4 |
| Sweetpotatoes | Harvested | 100 | 99 | 100 | 99 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Cattle | | | | | | 1 | 3 | 20 | 65 | 11 |
| Pasture | | | | | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |

County Agent Comments

"We have had very few days in November suitable for harvesting. Some cotton scrapping remains to be done and there are some soybean fields in low areas that remain unharvested. Yields were good for all crops. The mild fall weather has been good for cool season grazing."

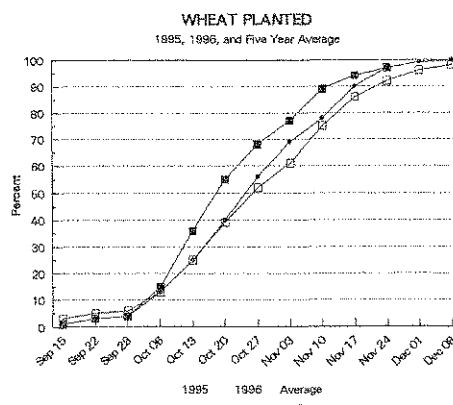
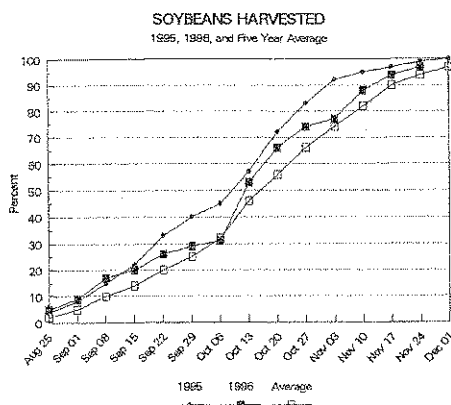
— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

"Wet weather has delayed final harvest but was welcomed by cattle producers needing fall grazing. Soybean harvest could be finished in three good days, and in about five days cotton harvest could be completed."

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha County

"Winter grazing is really growing well. All dairymen are now grazing and milk production is slowly increasing. Cotton stalks are being chopped and fall tillage practices are being implemented as weather allows."

— Victor Lee, Newton County



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Weather Summary From November 18, 1996 to November 24, 1996 For Mississippi

| District/Station | Air Temperature | | | | | Precipitation | | | | 4 Inch Soil Temperature | | | Ave Pan Evap |
|------------------|-----------------|-----|-----|-------|-----|---------------|-------|-----------|------------|-------------------------|-----|-----|--------------|
| | Max | Min | Ave | North | DFN | One Week | DFN | Rain Days | Four Weeks | Max | Min | Ave | |
| 1. Upper Delta | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Clarksdale | 66 | 37 | 52 | 51 | +1 | 0.87 | -0.46 | 4 | 3.65 | 62 | 48 | 57 | |
| Cleveland | 68 | 39 | 54 | | | 0.09 | | 3 | 2.68 | | | | |
| Tunica | 70 | 33 | 51 | 50 | +1 | 0.05 | -1.31 | 1 | 1.82 | 60 | 55 | 57 | |
| Extreme/Average | 70 | 33 | 52 | 51 | +2 | 0.34 | -1.01 | 3 | 2.68 | 62 | 48 | 57 | |
| 2. North-Central | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Holly Springs | 65 | 32 | 52 | 48 | +3 | 1.38 | -0.22 | 4 | 4.00 | 60 | 48 | 54 | |
| Memphis | 71 | 34 | 51 | 51 | +0 | 0.51 | -1.05 | 3 | 4.02 | | | | |
| Oxford | 66 | 32 | 53 | 50 | +4 | 0.73 | -0.77 | 4 | 2.73 | | | | |
| Extreme/Average | 71 | 32 | 52 | 50 | +2 | 0.87 | -0.68 | 4 | 3.58 | 60 | 48 | 54 | |
| 3. Northeast | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Booneville | 64 | 32 | 50 | 49 | +2 | 1.33 | -0.20 | 4 | 5.53 | | | | |
| Corinth | 65 | 30 | 54 | 50 | +4 | 0.95 | -0.40 | 4 | 4.12 | | | | |
| Iuka | 64 | 27 | 51 | | | 1.13 | | 2 | 5.62 | | | | |
| Pontotoc | 67 | 33 | 54 | 50 | +4 | 1.01 | -0.53 | 4 | 4.02 | 63 | 48 | 57 | 0.07 |
| Tupelo | 68 | 31 | 53 | 51 | +2 | 0.33 | -1.00 | 3 | 3.41 | | | | |
| Verona | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Extreme/Average | 68 | 27 | 52 | 50 | +2 | 0.83 | -0.61 | 3 | 4.08 | 63 | 48 | 57 | 0.07 |
| 4. Lower Delta | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Belzoni | 74 | 38 | 56 | 55 | +1 | 0.92 | | 3 | 2.49 | 70 | 52 | 62 | |
| Greenwood | 76 | 39 | 58 | 53 | +5 | 0.13 | -1.18 | 1 | 0.18 | | | | |
| Rolling Fork | 75 | 37 | 59 | | | 0.90 | -0.49 | 3 | 2.73 | 72 | 56 | 65 | 0.04 |
| Stoneville | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Yazoo City | 76 | 41 | 60 | 54 | +6 | 0.60 | -0.68 | 2 | 2.21 | | | | |
| Extreme/Average | 76 | 37 | 58 | 54 | +4 | 0.64 | -0.69 | 2 | 1.90 | 72 | 52 | 64 | 0.04 |
| 5. Central | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Carthage | 76 | 32 | 57 | 53 | +5 | 1.27 | -0.07 | 2 | 2.48 | | | | |
| Jackson | 76 | 36 | 60 | 55 | +5 | 2.57 | +1.18 | 3 | 3.65 | | | | |
| Winona | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Extreme/Average | 76 | 32 | 59 | 54 | +5 | 1.92 | +0.55 | 3 | 3.07 | | | | |
| 6. East-Central | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Brooksville | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Columbus | 73 | 32 | 57 | | | 0.36 | | 1 | 4.43 | | | | |
| State University | 73 | 36 | 59 | 52 | +7 | 1.46 | +0.26 | 4 | 4.76 | 66 | 45 | 58 | |
| Extreme/Average | 73 | 32 | 58 | 52 | +6 | 0.91 | -0.29 | 3 | 4.60 | 66 | 45 | 58 | |
| 7. Southwest | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Crystal Springs | 78 | 36 | 61 | | | 0.24 | | 1 | 1.52 | 72 | 56 | 65 | |
| Natchez | 77 | 42 | 64 | 59 | +5 | 0.52 | -0.89 | 1 | 1.82 | | | | |
| Oakley | 78 | 45 | 63 | | | 2.61 | +1.41 | 2 | 3.73 | 69 | 55 | 63 | |
| Vicksburg | 75 | 44 | 60 | | | 1.13 | | 2 | 2.43 | | | | |
| Extreme/Average | 78 | 36 | 62 | 59 | +3 | 1.13 | -0.18 | 2 | 2.38 | 72 | 55 | 64 | |
| 8. South-Central | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Columbia | 80 | 37 | 64 | 57 | +6 | 0.09 | -0.96 | 2 | 1.12 | | | | |
| McComb | 80 | 39 | 64 | 56 | +8 | 0.03 | -1.29 | 2 | 1.14 | | | | |
| Extreme/Average | 80 | 37 | 64 | 57 | +7 | 0.08 | -1.13 | 2 | 1.13 | | | | |
| 9. Southeast | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Beaumont | 82 | 34 | 61 | | | 0.67 | | 1 | 2.49 | 75 | 52 | 63 | |
| Hattiesburg | 79 | 38 | 62 | 57 | +6 | 0.19 | -0.94 | 2 | 1.52 | | | | |
| Laurel | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Meridian | 80 | 31 | 59 | 54 | +5 | 0.85 | -0.52 | 1 | 2.74 | | | | |
| Newton | 78 | 30 | 60 | 53 | +7 | 1.20 | -0.14 | 2 | 2.62 | 66 | 47 | 59 | 0.10 |
| Extreme/Average | 82 | 30 | 61 | 55 | +6 | 0.73 | -0.55 | 2 | 2.34 | 75 | 47 | 61 | 0.10 |
| 10. Coastal | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bay St Louis | 82 | 41 | 66 | | | 0.44 | | 2 | 1.55 | | | | |
| Biloxi | 79 | 45 | 65 | | | 0.11 | | 3 | 0.79 | | | | |
| Gulfport | 75 | 52 | 66 | 60 | +6 | 0.16 | -0.78 | 1 | 1.70 | | | | |
| Pascagoula | 77 | 39 | 62 | 61 | +2 | 0.12 | -0.67 | 1 | 1.11 | | | | |
| Poplarville | | | | 59 | | 0.03 | -1.03 | 2 | 1.35 | | | | 0.07 |
| Extreme/Average | 82 | 39 | 65 | 60 | +5 | 0.17 | -0.76 | 2 | 1.30 | | | | 0.07 |
| State | 82 | 27 | 68 | 54 | +4 | 0.76 | -0.54 | 3 | 2.71 | 75 | 45 | 59 | 0.07 |

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